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NRS HOLIDAY AWARDS BANQUET Tuesday, December 2, 2008 7:00 PM University Club of Nashville

December Rose of the Month - *Gemini*
"A Long Stem Beauty"



Photos courtesy of Dona Martin

Photo courtesy of Jackson & Perkins

By: Mary Bates

Hybrid Tea - Dr. Keith Zary (1999)

Pink Blend - ARS Rating 8.2

AARS Winner - 2000 - ARS "Member's Choice"- 2005

'*Gemini*,' noted as the number one rated exhibition rose according to the American Rose Society and included in Horizon Roses Exhibition Honor Roll, is also an excellent garden rose that produces many blooms of coral pink with a cream reverse. The high centered classic hybrid tea blooms often appear singularly or as twins or clusters if not disbudded. The sweetly fragrant blooms are carried on a vigorous upright bush with disease-resistant foliage.

Noted exhibitor Robert Martin included '*Gemini*' as one of his selections for top all-time best garden varieties in his article, "Ten Roses for the Garden," in the 2008 American Rose Annual. Mr. Martin stated, "Good

exhibition roses can and do make good garden roses." He mentioned that Dr. Zary, one of the most award winning rose breeders, noticed and remembered '*Gemini*' from thousands of seedlings as a great rose from the first flower when the original plant was just 4" tall.

According to roshow.com, '*Gemini*' has been selected as Queen of Show 103 times, overtaking its nearest competitors- '*Moonstone*' with 95 Queen of Show wins and '*Veterans Honor*' with 68 Queen of Show wins tabulated from 2002-2006.

I recently discovered when I attended the Tenarky District Show, the '*Gemini*' color can differ from garden to garden. I knew color often depends upon climate, soils, garden location and season of the year, but I almost didn't recognize

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Editor's Desk

As editor, it is often my job to provide pictures for articles. While neither I, nor my equipment, could be considered "professional", photography remains one of my many passions, much like roses. My daughter Molly shares my passion for photography and both of us fancy ourselves quite the shutter-bugs. On occasion, we have made sport of my wife Starla's "picture-taking deficiencies". (Nobody takes that many pictures of their fingers on purpose!) To her credit, Starla continues to snap picture after picture hoping to silence the so-called shutter-bugs. Recently, when I entered several photos in the NRS photography contest, I threw in one of Starla's photos. Since then Molly and I have been eating crow because the only photo submitted from the Harding clan that won was Starla's. This "isolated" incident has not diminished my love for photographing roses.

Last month, when Sam Jones wrote an article on Cherry Parfait for the ROM, I only had to walk as far as our backyard for a picture. This experience spoiled me when I needed a picture of *Gemini* for this issue. Not only do we not own one, even if we did it would likely look as sorry as our other roses this time of year. Serendipitously, I had been reading an article in the 2008 ARS Rose Annual by Robert Martin entitled "Ten Roses for the Garden" that featured *Gemini* along with a stunning photograph. I contacted him to see if there was a chance I could use the photograph. Mr. Martin, (who is the author of Show-ing Good Roses), graciously consented to share the picture and e-mailed me a copy. Further communication revealed the spectacular picture that won best photograph in the show at the St Paul National Show was taken by none other than his wife Dona Martin. I bet she at least had her eyes open!

- Jim & Starla Harding

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President's Column

So you want to add to your rose collection? That is a good thing. Where do you go to get good information on how a new or older rose grows in your area?

The first thing you can do is get a copy of the Handbook for Selecting Roses that is published by the American Rose Society. This gives a numerical value to the best roses that are available today. Granted, there may be some very good roses that are not in this book because they are either too new or there are not enough people growing it. This is a good place to start. All members of the American Rose society are asked to participate in this review. Many years ago it was called "proof of the pudding." Recently they made it a requirement that all consulting rosarians must fill out the roses in review to keep their consulting rosarian status current. If you have recently moved and have purchased many new roses this can be a big undertaking.

After checking the handbook, you can get a copy of the survey results from your district roses in review chairperson that only includes the ratings and comments from people in your district, thus making the results more tailored to your geographic area. The report from your district actually includes comments made by the people reporting about the rose. If you are looking for roses that are just coming out on the market a good book to look at that also has reviewers throughout the country is Horizon Roses. These are top exhibitors that are rating the newest exhibition roses. This is good if you are into hybrid teas but not so good if you like other types of roses. Horizon Roses is geared more towards exhibitors.

Now the best places I like to see roses are at rose shows and in public as well as private gardens. There is nothing better than to see a rose in person and talk to the person that grows it. The rose shows are not just for the trophy hunters, they are for all rosarians to see what is out there and ask if it will grow for you. Exhibitors are basically honest people and will tell you if a rose gets blackspot by noon even if they sprayed it at 11:00. They are the ones watching their roses carefully to determine how fast the repeat bloom is or if it shoots up single blooms or sprays. Many exhibitors grow hundreds of roses, and are certain to have something you might not have seen before. The rose shows are there to educate the "Public" they are really there to educate those interested in growing roses. Everyone should take the time to go visit the local rose show; whether or not they ever plan on

entering a show is irrelevant. No where else can you see hundreds of roses blooming at their perfect stage.

The next best place to look is a private or public garden. Here you can see what the entire plant looks like, not just the bloom. Does it have a nice shape? Is it growing in the same sunny conditions that you have? Is it a monster or a little bit timid in stature? Many of the botanical and public gardens will have every plant labeled or have a map with the names. If you are lucky you will go to a private garden that has everything labeled. Even if a private garden is not labeled you will usually be given a private tour where you can ask questions. One very important thing about going to public or private gardens is above all stay on the paths, do not walk through the beds.

Thank you, I hope to see you all at the December banquet. It looks like it will be a great time.

- Jeff Harvey

So many plants, so little space.

Gemini cont'd.

the '*Gemini*' rose I was observing at the show. Instead of the broad, dusty pink band of coloring on the edges of the swirling petals I often admired in my garden, the color in the rose I was observing was a darker coral color. Upon closer observation, I recognized all the familiar '*Gemini*' qualities—the high centered long bud, the large pointed outer petals which reflex to a slight downturn at their tips, the soft rich reverse and, of course, the perfect center.

Upon returning home from the show, I was curious about the background of this enchanting rose. I discovered the parents were 'New York,' an orange blend grandiflora 1987 AARS Winner by the noted New Zealand hybridizer Sam McGredy IV and 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh,' a pink blend HT named for the pioneer aviator/writer. Now I began to understand the unique and beautiful coloring and its vigorous growth.

The author: Mary and Michael Bates live and garden in Knoxville, Tennessee. They fell in love with roses while traveling in Australia and New Zealand. Returning home to Tennessee from work in Antarctica, they began slowly with roses. Their garden now contains several climbers and shrubs and about sixty hybrid teas and floribundas. Their construction company Michael Bates Homes is a Southern Living Custom Builder. They have a daughter, Amber and a son, Aaron.

THE BEGINNING ROSARIAN

The 3 R's in Growing Roses in December

By: Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian

After we have cleaned up our rose beds, pruned the bushes to three to four feet, and finished our winter mulching, it's time for the 3 R's—relax, reflect and renew.

Relax

Taking a deep breath, gather all the catalogs, rose magazines and books you have been collecting for the past year and relax in your favorite chair. Maybe have a cup of coffee or a nice glass of wine. Choose your list of roses for next year out of those great catalogs with the help of the ARS Handbook and order from the NRS 2009 Fundraiser Rose Sale. Catch up on reading as many books on roses while you have the time; for the more you learn about roses, the better rosarian you will be. Study the Consulting Rosarian Handbook in order to take the class at the Tenarky Workshop in February, or the next time the CR Class is offered. The Handbook is available from The American Rose Society (ARS.org). The information within the Handbook is worth knowing even if you choose not to attend the class.

Reflect

Next, in the winter months, we should reflect on the past year and make a list of (1) what worked, and (2) what did not. Take the list to your local society and ask questions. Find out why your roses did not produce as they should have and share your tips on what you did right. Talking and sharing with other rosarians in your society and community are beneficial ways for all to discover the tried and true rules of growing roses, and growing them in your area. Sign up for Saturday morning horticulture classes offered by many local colleges. In these classes, you will learn helpful tips on gardening all the way from dirt to flowers. Whatever you do, get your garden on a good program. Even if the program needs a tweaking or two each year, your garden will be richer year after year.

Renew

Winter is the time of year to weed out the non-productive plants, transplant bushes to a better spot and pot up sickly roses, if they are worthy. Pot them in the new pots that do not freeze (found in local garden stores). The following is a rule for some gardeners but not for all: if a rose is not

performing well, be firm and either try another position in the garden, or throw it out. Don't just keep it with the hope it will get better, as there are a multitude of roses from which to choose. December is a good time to dig holes and make new beds or consider planting roses in containers for your deck or patio in order to bring them up close where you can enjoy the luscious blooms all season. Alternatively, place the containers in the garden for accent. If your garden is small, don't think small; try something big and bold to make a statement, like a beautiful large, colorful container. Make your garden interesting for you and others to enjoy.

Now that we are getting our garden ready for the new plants we ordered while relaxing, we must not forget to take the all important soil Ph test and correct the soil by adding new soil amendments. Doing this now will ensure your plants a good start when you plant in the spring. Once, while I was relaxing, I came across this suggestion I would like to share with you. (1) When planting a new rose in a diseased rose hole, plant the new bush in a large cardboard box filled with top soil mixed with compost and some gravel, (2) feed the rose with food, (3) place the box into the hole and fill with fresh soil, (4) by the time the cardboard has rotted, the rose will be firmly established. Otherwise, you must wait a good while before using the same hole, depending on the disease, at least a year. This approach is especially effective in small gardens where space is at a premium.

Just when you thought you were finished gardening for the year, I have suggested so many chores for you to do that one could be overwhelmed. Don't be, take only the suggestions that apply to your garden and appeal to you; just be sure you and your roses will be ready for spring planting.

Remember, roses are meant to give us joy. It has been said "one who grows roses, lives a long happy life". Also remember there are no big mistakes made in the garden, just little experiments. Relax, Reflect, and Renew.

NRS member; Kathy Brennan, is the 1st Vice President of the Tennessee Rose So-

ciety in Knoxville, Tennessee; teaches a workshop before each TRS rose meeting and is an ARS Consulting Rosarian. She began growing roses about fifteen years ago. Today her garden of 200 roses in Farragut, Tennessee includes hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, David Austins, ramblers, climbers, miniatures and mini-floras. Her favorite weekly job in the garden is cutting bouquets of roses to share with neighbors and family. She and husband Jim have two daughters and three grandchildren. In her spare time Kathy enjoys reading books about roses.

NRS Rose Sale

When planning your new roses for next year, keep the NRS rose sales in mind. The Fortuniana rose sale is currently underway. Order forms are available at www.nashvillerosesociety.com/

We will also have roses donated by Jackson & Perkins and Bailey Nurseries available for the spring bare root rose sale. Order form is included as an insert in this issue..

Please remember the proceeds from the rose sales help support the publication of the Nashville Rose Leaf.

NRS Photography Contest

Photographs from the annual NRS photography contest will be on display at the December NRS meeting.

NRS Membership Renewal

When you renew your NRS membership for 2009 please indicate if you prefer to receive a printed copy of the newsletter or an electronic copy by e-mail. You can also choose to receive both the printed version and the e-mail version.

NRS Awards Banquet

Join the Nashville Rose Society's Holiday Awards Banquet on December 2nd at the University Club of Nashville. We will enjoy a festive served dinner with cash bar. The menu will include:

- Crab seafood bisque
- Spinach salad w/ toasted pecans, oranges, feta cheese
- Grilled New York Strip Steak (vegetarian meal available)
- Cheese polenta w/chefs vegetables
- Desert, coffee and tea

Cost is \$45 per person. A donation to cover the music would be appreciated. Deadline for reservations is November 24th. **Send reservations to Sandra Frank, 1018 Stonewall Dr, Nashville, Tn 37220**

FROM THE GROUND UP

By Leann Barron

The Gardener's 2008 Grand Holiday Shopping Tour

It's that holiday shopping time of year and, with the economy in a slump, here's a bit of good news: dirty hands and all, rose gardeners are easy to please in the gift department. We thorny old dirt diggers love books, gift certificates, nifty gadgets, ergonomic work savers, and brightly colored tools that we can actually find when we lose them in the garden. May I shamelessly plug a few of my 2008 personal favorites?



Jackson 7 in 1 VersaPlanter. For the gardener who has everything---here's your gift-giving solution, and #1 on my 2008 favorites list. Versa indeed! This versatile tool has become my constant garden companion. At first glance, this instrument looks like a heavy duty serrated garden trowel. But upon closer examination, the tool's dreamy design features perform mundane garden tasks with ease. This 7 in 1 gadget is not only a trowel, but a weeder (useful for popping out dandelions and other such aggravations), a twine cutter, a bag opener, a sod cutter, a 12 inch measure,

plus the comfort-grip handle doubles as a seed-sowing trowel. (Note: the Jackson Professional 7 in 1 VersaPlanter has an excellent, lighter-weight, blue handled cousin, the Ames TruTemper 7 in 1 Planter's Buddy, perfect for the average gardener and readily available at many hardware stores. I have both models and like--no, love them equally well. The Jackson Professional model is heavier in the hand and suitable for serious gardeners and garden professionals. Available at www.ames.com or www.grainger.com

Wingscapes BirdCam. I've never met a rosarian who didn't love birds. The Barron family feeds birds year-round, and this year, we have added a fantastic addition to our birdwatching activities. Featured in Audubon, Birder's World, Birdwatcher's Digest, and receiving rave reviews, the Wingscapes BirdCam is a weatherproof, motion-activated digital camera that captures high resolution photos and videos of birds while you're away. It takes about 5 minutes to set up, and an infrared sensor detects birds and takes photos while you are away. No wires are needed, designed to minimize "false triggers," it's simply revolutionary. You can view the images and videos on your computer or t.v. You can also email these to friends and family, post on



You Tube, and more importantly, it will enhance how we observe, enjoy and learn about wildlife. It can be found at www.wingscapes.com

Felco Folding Saw. Another tool that has become an indispensable part of my rose gardening routine is the small and mighty Felco Folding Saw. Folded, it fits in the palm of your hand, but its ergonomic design and frighteningly sharp, thick teeth



make quick work of large tough canes, and even small to medium tree limbs. This is a must have for gardeners. Can be purchased at www.mooreandmoore.com or www.rosemania.com

“greenPots” by EcoSource. This holiday season, how about gifting the dirt dabbler in your life with an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic and heavy ceramic gardening containers? greenPots are all-natural, made from rice hulls, and are perfect for any home or garden use.



They are designed to protect delicate surfaces from water damage, are stylishly handsome, lightweight, and affordable. It was love at first sight when I spied them recently. This year, EcoSource won the prestigious “Best in Category” award for these brightly colored beauties from the Atlanta International Gift and Home Furnishings Market in Atlanta. Most garden pots, whether terra cotta, ceramic, or lightweight plastic, seldom last more than 3 or 4 years. Unless you invest in wildly expensive stone or concrete planters, you can count on buying new pots every few years. greenPots are designed to stay beautiful for 5 years, indoors or outside. Available in Nashville at All Seasons Garden & Brewing and on-line. Lovely. Look for them at www.allseasonsnashville.com



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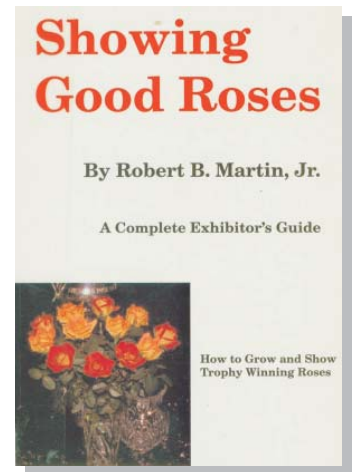
Bionic Garden Gloves and **Bionic Rose Gauntlet Gloves**. I am notoriously hard on garden gloves. My husband often accuses me of letting the dogs gnaw them. When I first learned about Bionic gloves a few years ago, I tried a pair and was hooked. These dynamite mitts were designed by an orthopedic hand surgeon, featuring first-rate technology for anyone with arthritis, rheumatism or just overworked hands. The gauntlet gloves protect both hands and arms beautifully against nasty rose thorns, are lightweight and downright comfortable. No good gardener should be without several pairs of these wonderful

creatures. Great gift idea for Mom, too. Purchase them at www.bionicrose.com or www.rosemania.com

Folding Garden Knife with hawk-bill blade. I've never met a garden knife I didn't like. But I am always on the lookout for the model with the latest bells and whistles. One of the most useful knives I've found is a neon orange pocket knife with a hawk-bill blade. Basically, it's a small folding knife with a Japanese-style hooked blade that you can actually find if you lose it in your garden. If you are in the market for a new garden knife, I high-

ly recommend these sharp little sweethearts. Buy a quantity of them, stashing a few for yourself in your own stocking. After all, it's the gift of giving, isn't it? You can buy it at either www.gardentalk.com or www.italianseedandtool.com

Book: Showing Good Roses by Bob Martin This classic book should be on every rosarian's bookshelf, whether you exhibit roses or not. Author Bob Martin, himself an award-winning exhibitor, wrote the book with exhibitors in mind, but I find myself reaching for this handbook more often than any other. Even if you never show roses, you will find this book an essential part of your rose growing routine. Available for purchase at www.roseshow.com or www.rosemania.com



Tenarky Winter Workshop

February 20-21

Bowling Green, KY

JOLENE ADAMS of Hayward, CA, and ROBERT MARTIN, of Escondido, CA, are the two candidates for Vice President (President Elect) of the American Rose Society in the 2009 elections. Jolene is Director of the Northern California-Nevada-Hawaii District and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. Robert has also been a District Director and Executive Committee member. Both candidates have written extensively for and contributed in many ways to the ARS for many years. You will have the opportunity to meet them, chat with them, and ask questions in a special session. Jolene will also do a program on Myths and Monsters of the Rose World and Robert will be the after dinner speaker.

WILLIAM CARLSON of Pendleton, IN, is Director of the Illinois/Indiana District. He is a Consulting Rosarian, Horticulture Judge and Arrangements Judge, and has served on a number of district and na-

tional committees, including editorship of The Rose Arranger's Bulletin. He will continue the annual presentation of a special session on rose arranging.

JIM DELAHANTY, a retired Professor of Law, lives in Sherman Oaks, CA, where he grows about 500 roses. Widely acclaimed for his scholarly writings about roses, he is editor of The ARS and You, a monthly newsletter for ARS members. He is recognized as an expert on Polyanthas. His collection of over 170 is one of the largest in the U.S. He will share his knowledge as well as pictures of this beautiful rose variety with us.

ED GRIFFITH of Mobile, AL, is a long time member of the American Rose Society and has held many offices and committee appointments. He is an accredited judge for World Federation of Rose Societies events and will share pictures and stories about gardens, shows, and Rosarians from his international travels.

JEFFREY WARE, the Executive Director of the ARS in Shreveport, is the third individual to hold that position in the past five years. He has been highly praised by the Board of Directors for his work in his first year and recently gave a rousing presentation to the Board of his vision for the future of ARS and its relationship to local societies.

--- Also featuring Saturday's social hour with special music, and our famous evening rose auction
--- Short Sunday AM devotional service, Dr. Sam Jones

Tenarky Consulting Rosarian Seminar and School
Sunday, February 22, 2009
Holiday Inn, Bowling Green, KY

For information concerning registration and hotel, please go to www.tenarky.org and click on "Events."

December Rose Tips

In the spirit of the holiday season NRS members were asked to include rose related gift tips in addition to the regular tips and tricks that make gardening easier and more successful. You can submit your favorite rose tips at anytime to the editor: jim_harding@gspnet.com

I tried the Liquid Fence mole repellent and so far, it has worked. You spray it around affected areas, then water in or else spray right before a rain. My application has been rained on twice, and there aren't any new mole tunnels yet. I am checking every day, and will spray again after the next rain to keep a good level in the ground. The moles dig tunnels searching for worms and grubs. Voles may come in behind them and use the tunnels. Moles do not eat the plant roots – voles do.

— Anne Owen, ARS Master Rosarian

Gift idea for the rose gardener or someone who you are trying to get interested in roses. A gift certificate from one of the rose nurseries. Most of them you can just print off from your computer. With the economy such as it is I know nurseries are having difficulties and this would certainly help them out as well. Vintage Gardens offers antique and other roses that are very difficult to find. Ashdown Roses is now offering a lay-a-way plan. Check out their websites and plan to order to help these nurseries that are so passionate about growing rare roses. You may even find some for yourself.

— Cindy Worch, NRS Member

After pruning and cleaning up your rose beds for the winter, take the time to clean up and sharpen your tools. Use Clorox, alcohol or hot, soapy water. Make sure you get the tools good and clean to be ready for spring. Also, use this time to sharpen the blades for spring pruning. You will be happy you completed these chores come March 2009.

— Kathy Brennan, ARS Consulting Rosarian, Knoxville, TN

You can celebrate Christmas this year by giving the gift of roses to a family member or friend. Consider purchasing a rose in the NRS Rose Sale to be delivered next spring. You can send them a card to let them know they can expect this and you can offer to help with the planting. This is a wonderful way to introduce someone to the joy of growing roses. A Nashville Rose Society and/or American Rose Society membership is another gift that is sure to inspire interest in roses.

— Charles Lott, ARS Consulting Rosarian

Last year, I ordered the Ping Lim shrub roses Sunrise Sunset and All the Rage for some dear friends at church, hoping they will enjoy not only the beauty and bounty of bloom, but the care-free aspect in their landscape. I plan to do this again this year for a different set of friends to increase the joy of roses.

One of the most useful “gathering tools” for collecting cut blooms is the three compartment “Bloom Saver” available by order from The American Rose Society Gift Shop. A real winner from Santa!

— Glenda Whitaker, ARS Master Rosarian

Organic Dust Toxic Syndrome

Reprinted from WSU Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener newsletter. October 1994 and appearing in the Rose Herald. Norma Boswell, Editor.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has put out a warning about ODTs--Organic Dust Toxic Syndrome--of which every gardener should be aware.

ODTS is a common respiratory illness that may follow exposures to heavy concentrations of organic dust when shoveling or moving organic

materials such as wood chips, compost, peat moss, etc. About thirty to forty percent of workers exposed to organic dust develop ODTs. While this syndrome is fairly common, its diagnosis is not.

ODTS is characterized by fever occurring 4-12 hours after exposure and flu-like symptoms such as general weakness, headache, chills, body aches, shortness of breath and cough. In addition, pulmonary function may be impaired, and an increase in the number of white blood cells in the blood is common. Listening to the lungs reveals normal breathing sounds, and chest x-rays are usually normal.

Antibodies typically associated with certain allergic lung diseases such as fanner's lung are usually not present.

ODTS usually disappears within 24 hours to a few days after removal from exposure. No specific therapy is needed for the disease, but misdiagnosis may lead to unnecessary or excessive therapy with antibiotics.

What can you do? Be aware of the possible health effects of breathing organic dust. Minimize your exposure to the dust by moistening the materials before moving. Use dust masks or appropriate respirators when exposure can't be avoided.

NRS, Tenarky, & ARS Coming Events

DECEMBER

- 2 The Nashville Rose Society - HOLIDAY AWARDS BANQUET
 Tuesday, December 2, 2008 - University Club of Nashville
 \$45 per person - donations to cover the music are appreciated
 Reservations: Sandra Frank, 1018 Stonewall Drive, Nashville, Tn 37220
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JANUARY

No NRS meeting in January

FEBRUARY

- 3 NRS Meeting at Cheekwood
 6:00-6:45pm Beginner Program
 6:30 Refreshments
 7:00 pm Main Program
- 20-21 Tenarky Winter Workshop - Bowling Green - Holiday Inn University
 Plaza & Sloan Convention Center ClaireLC@aol.com

MARCH

- 3 NRS Meeting at Cheekwood
 6:00-6:45pm Beginner Program
 6:00-8:00pm Vendor Night at NRS

Details & other event news available at www.nashvillerosesociety.com

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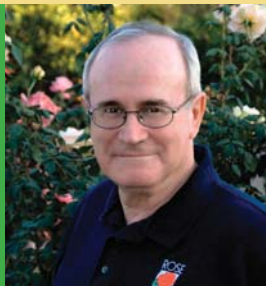
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ANNOUNCING YET ANOTHER TREASURE TROVE OF ROSE KNOWLEDGE

Tenarky District Winter Workshop
Friday Evening February 20 & Saturday February 21, 2009
Bowling Green, Kentucky

The words "Treasure Trove" used to describe the 2009 line-up of speakers is an understatement at best. Pictured below are some of the most knowledgeable rosarians in America. (Turn to page 5 for the complete details)

Photo courtesy of Dona Martin



Robert Martin
Author of
"Showing Good Roses"



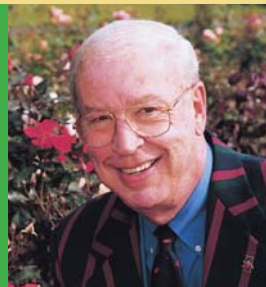
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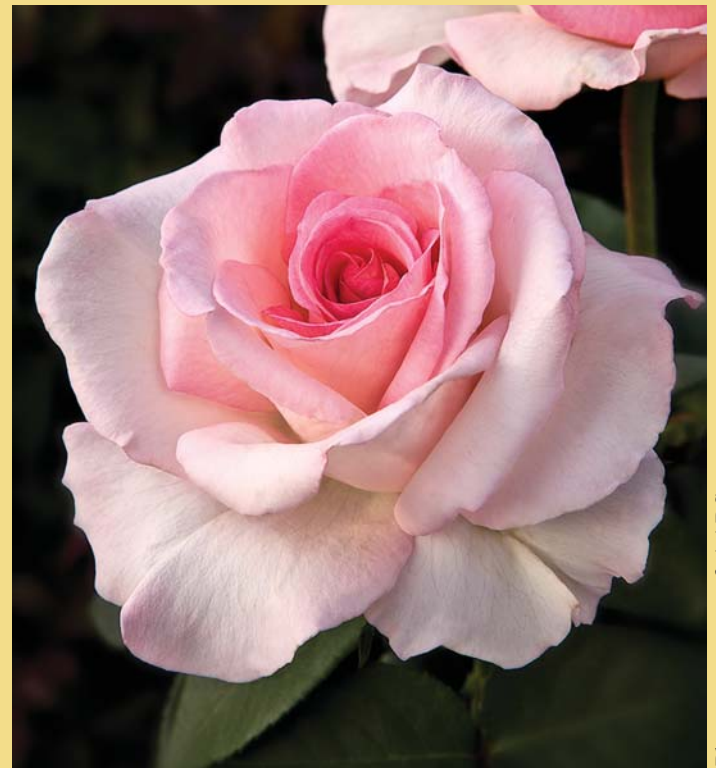
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Pink Promise
2009 AARS Winner

Pink Promise is a graceful bloomer with long stems for cutting that will promise that your garden is a stunning spectacle this year. Most impressively, the National Breast Cancer Foundation selected this rose to officially represent a continual blooming promise of compassion and awareness. For every **Pink Promise** plant purchased, a percentage of the sales will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to help extend women's lives through education and early detection. This hybrid tea's beauty is enhanced by the contrast of its large pink blossoms set against lush dark green foliage. Along with its stunning appearance, **Pink Promise** has good disease resistance, and flourishes even in cooler climates. A highly fragrant rose, **Pink Promise** fills any room with a deliciously fruity scent. This rose is one of the three 2009 AARS (All America Rose Selection) winners, the others being Cinco de Mayo and Carefree Spirit—all three of which are in our 2009 Bare-Root Fundraiser Sale, donated by Jackson & Perkins (only \$15 each).